

# A QUICK GUIDE TO THE APPLICATION

This guide previews the different sections of the Common Application so you'll be ready to get started as soon as you create your account.

<p><b>PROFILE</b></p>	<p><b>Contacts</b> Email address, phone number, mailing address</p> <p><b>Demographics</b> Religion, military service, race/ethnicity (all optional)</p> <p><b>Geography</b> Birthplace, countries lived in, language proficiency, citizenship</p>
<p><b>FAMILY</b></p>	<p><b>Household</b> Parent marital status, parent(s) with whom you reside</p> <p><b>Parent and/or Guardian</b> Name, birthplace, occupation, education, stepparent information</p> <p><b>Siblings</b> Age, grade, education</p>
<p><b>EDUCATION</b></p>	<p><b>School</b> Current school, dates attended; counselor name, phone, and email</p> <p><b>History</b> Previous schools, dates attended, past/pending education interruptions (e.g. time off, early graduation, gap year, etc.), college courses, college assistance programs</p> <p><b>Academic Information</b> GPA, class rank, current year courses, honors and awards</p>
<p><b>TESTING</b></p>	<p><b>College Entrance</b> ACT and SAT</p> <p><b>English For Non-Native Speakers</b> TOEFL, IELTS, PTE Academic</p> <p><b>Academic Subjects</b> AP, IB, SAT Subject Tests, A-Levels</p> <p><b>Other</b> Optional reporting for other relevant 9-12 testing</p>

<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Principal Activities/Work</b> Years of participation, hours per week, weeks per year, position/leadership held (50 characters), brief description (150 characters). 10 activities maximum.
<b>WRITING</b>	<b>Personal Essay</b> Select one of five available prompts, 650 Words Maximum  <b>Disciplinary History</b> Explanations regarding school discipline and misdemeanor or felony convictions  <b>Additional Information</b> Relevant circumstances or qualifications not reflected elsewhere in the application
<b>COLLEGE-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS</b>	<b>General</b> Entry term, degree status, housing preference, test-optional preference, scholarship and financial aid preference  <b>Academics</b> Academic interest, program(s) applying to  (Some colleges may also ask additional questions about your family, state of residence, activities, and general interests.)
<b>COLLEGE WRITING SUPPLEMENTS</b>	<b>Writing Supplement</b> Additional short answer or essay responses if requested by institution

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